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Hawaii—"The Big Island"

August 10th-12th



Aloha, Champions!

In 2007, the **Pokémon** TCG World Champions came from Japan, the U.S., and Finland. In every way, Worlds was truly global.

The final four of the 2007 **Pokémon** TCG World Championships in Kona, Hawaii, were dominated by Japanese players, who made up half of the final 12 players, including 2007 World Champion Jun Hasebe, 2006 World Champion (Junior) Hiroki Yano, and 2004 World Champion (Masters) Tsuguyoshi Yamato, as well as Wataru Hasegawa, Akira Miyazaki, and Yuki Akimura. World Champion (Senior) Jeremy Scharff-





Kim was the only player from the United States and World Champion (Masters) Tom Roos was the top player from Finland. Australia and Denmark each fielded a player—Andrew Choong and Steffen From—and Canada filled in the final two slots with Paul Atanassov and Alexander DaCosta.

The Last Chance Qualifier saw over 250 players vying for a coveted 26 available slots to compete in the Main Event and produced a strong player in Atanassov, who advanced to Fourth Place (Junior Division). The “grinder” also saw 10-year-old Jake Morgan participate thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which fulfilled his wish that he could get a chance to attend the 2007 Worlds.

The final battles were as hot as the tropical setting in which they were

fought. Hasebe and Yano competed at lightning speed; Scharff-Kim and Miyazaki battled up until the last minutes. Roos and From engaged in an end-match that drew excited cries from the crowd watching the screens that displayed a birds'-eye view of the battle.

In the Hawaiian sun, Pikachu, Chimchar, Turtwig, and Piplup wandered the site, wearing leis. Hundreds of players participated in seven Prerelease and side tournaments; nearly 500 downloaded Surfing Pikachu to their DS's. And by the time the Champions took the stage to the beat of Hawaiian drums, the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Waikoloa Village was filled with competitors and fans already anticipating the 2008 battle for the title of World Champion....

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The Champions' Journey

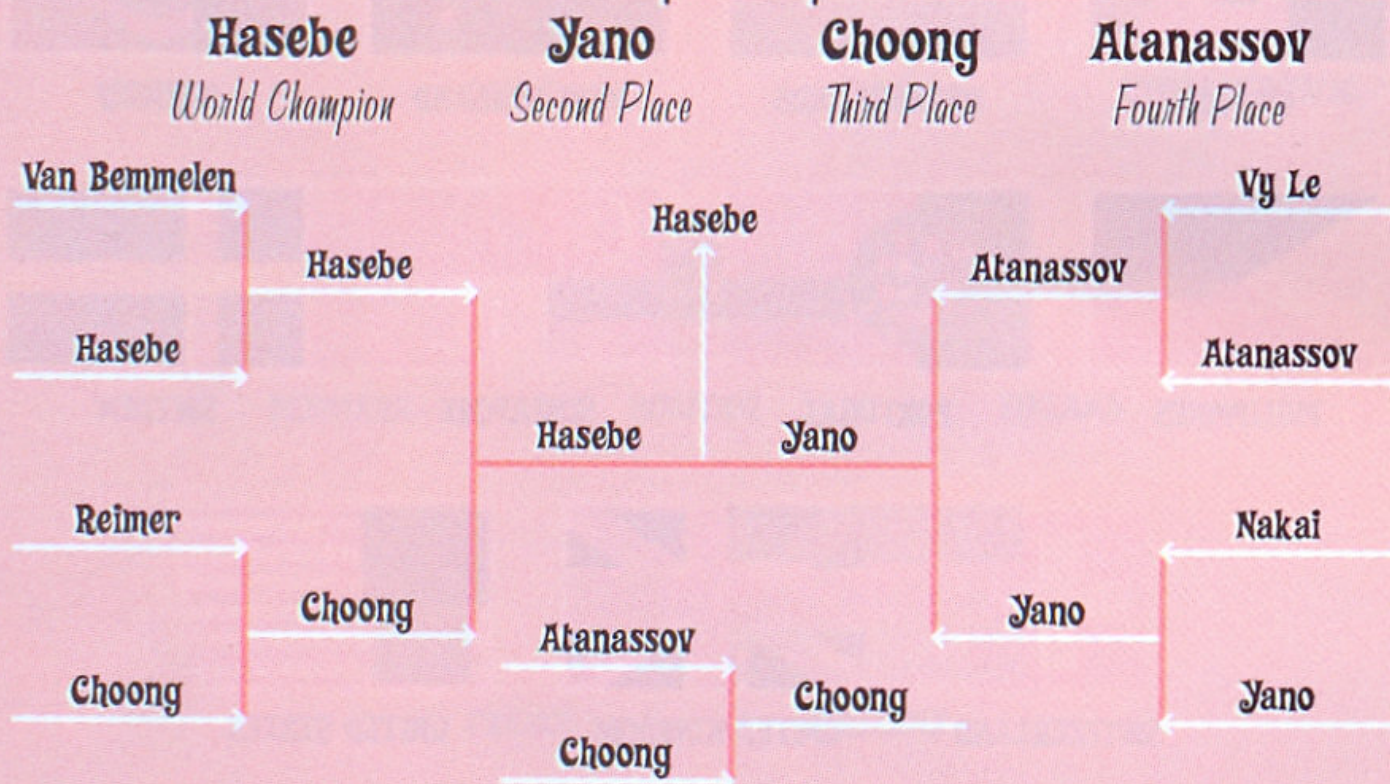
The heat was on... inside the Grand Ballroom in Kona, Hawaii, as the ranks were thinned to the final competitors for the title of Pokémon TCG World Champion.

On Sunday, August 12th, the top 16 players began battling. The clocks on the big screens ticked away the minutes, and when 16 had become 8, 8 had become 4, and 4 had become 2, the audience could watch

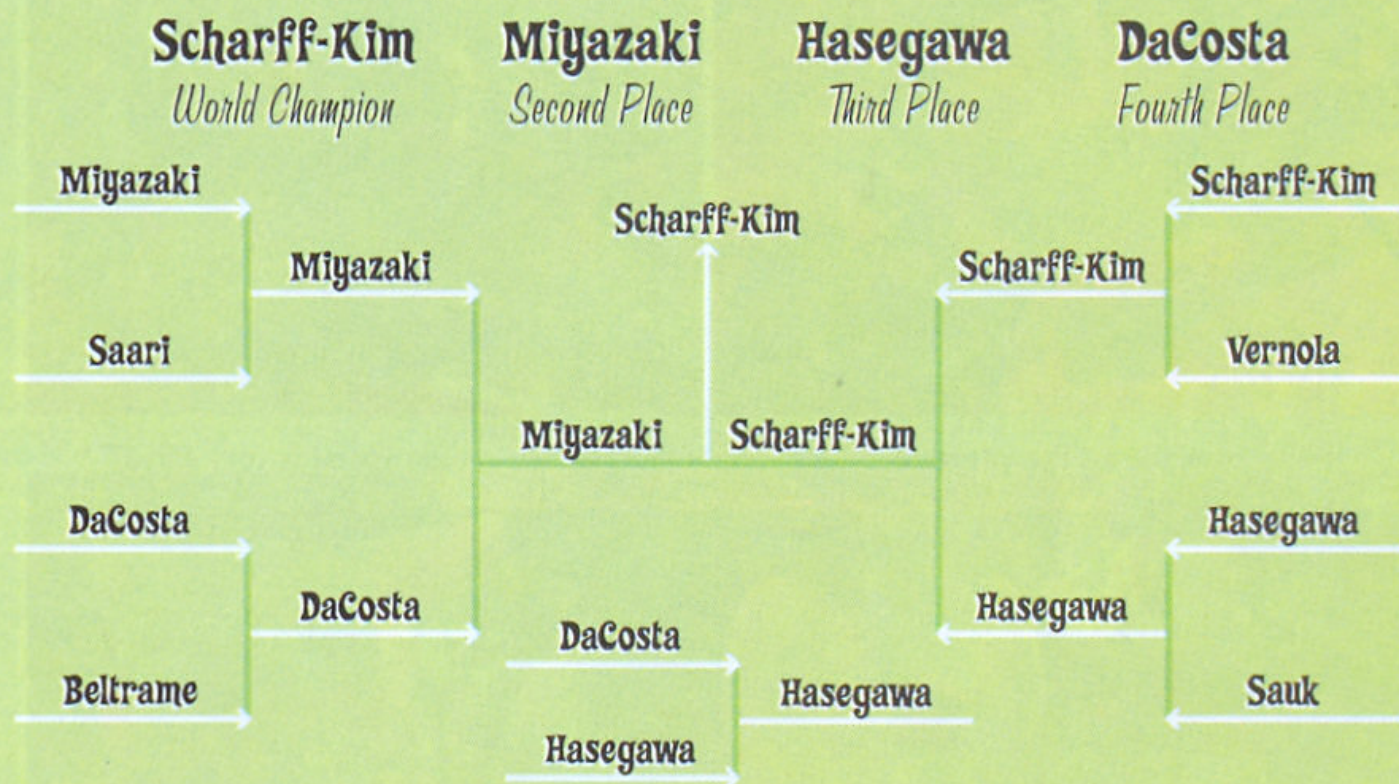
the rapid-fire final matches play-by-play via overhead cameras.

In each of the three Division brackets are two sets of pairings (four players on the far left and four on the far right) that led to the Championship match (in the middle of each bracket). Below each bracket is the runner-up pairing for the third-place standing.

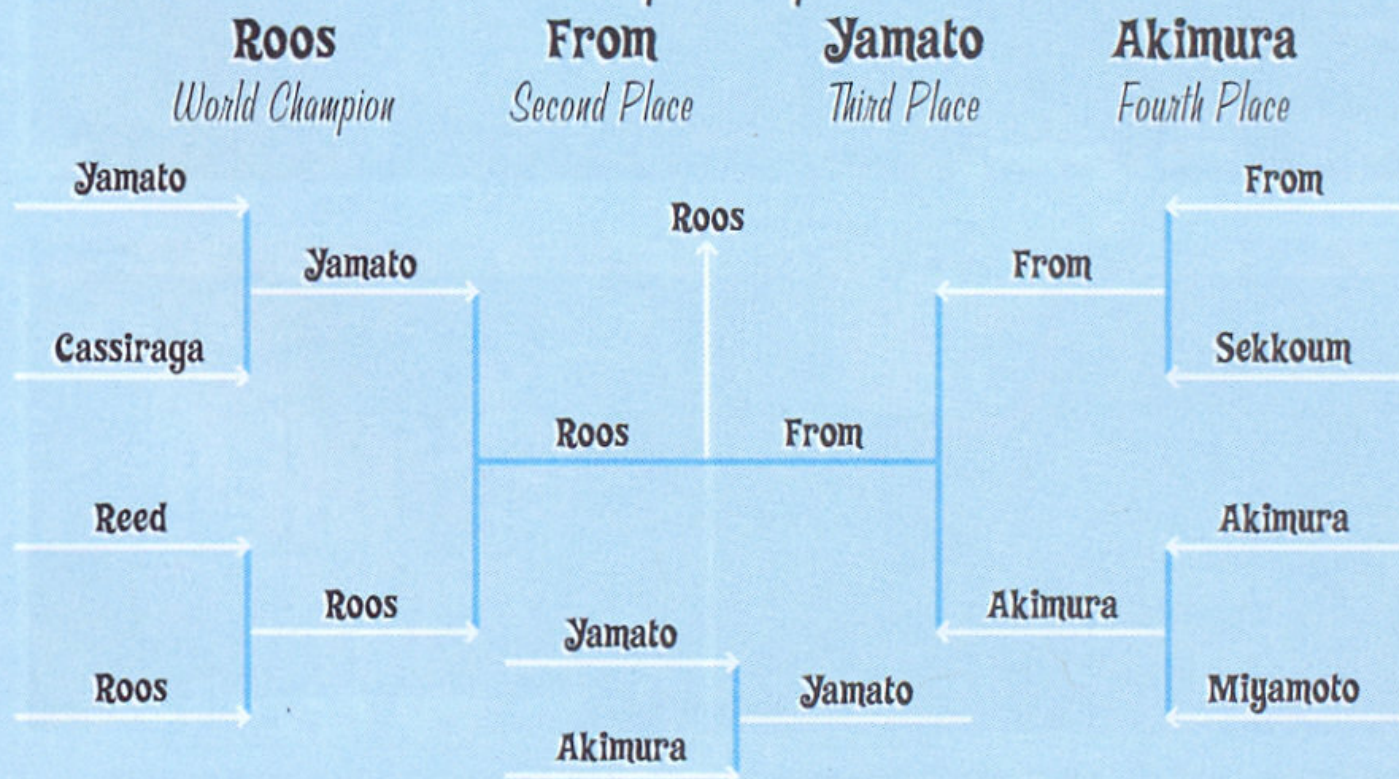
Pokémon TCG World Championships Junior Finals Bracket



Pokémon TCG World Championships Senior Finals Bracket



Pokémon TCG World Championships Masters Finals Bracket





Swag bags for all the players!



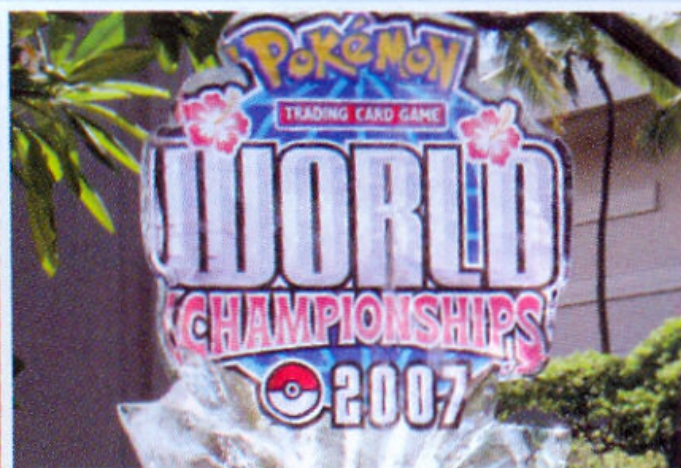
The ice cream social is very social!



Pokémon have their time to shine!



Dolphins use Poké Balls in a whole new way!



The Championships ice sculpture



Raising the flags at the Opening Ceremony



Win or lose, it's fun either way!



Pikachu makes a big indoor appearance!



Doing the 'Translators' Shuffle



Chad and Dave set the stage for battle!



Jun Hasebe

World Champion (Junior Division)

Age: 7

Country: Japan

Deck: Flyvees

Interesting Fact: Has played since he was only 5 years old

When Jun Hasebe joined Pokémon President Tsunekaz Ishihara on the stage at the World Championships to receive his accolades for winning the tournament, the audience was particularly responsive. At seven years old, Jun merits a great deal of respect and admiration for his skills at such a young age. "I started the game when I bought a Blastoise ex deck," he says, and in the two years since, he has practiced nearly every morning with his father, who was at the Championships in Hawaii to cheer his son to victory.

Deck List

3	Flygon ex	DF	92
2	Flygon	HP	7
2	Vibrava	DF	42
4	Trapinch	HP	84
2	Jolteon ex	DS	109
1	Vaporeon ex	DS	110
3	Eevee	DS	68
1	Absol ex	PK	92
1	Budew	DP	43
1	Fearow	CG	18
1	Spearow	CG	61
4	Holon's Castform	HP	44
1	Holon's Voltorb	DS	71
4	Holon Transceiver	DS	98
2	Holon Mentor	DF	75
2	Holon Adventurer	HP	85
1	Holon Scientist	DS	97
1	Holon Researcher	DS	95
1	Fieldworker	LM	73
2	Professor Elm's		
	Training Method	DF	79
2	Copycat	DF	73
1	Power Tree	LM	76
1	Warp Point	DP	116
2	Windstorm	CG	85
1	Crystal Shard	CG	76
4	Rare Candy	HP	90
4	Lightning Energy		
6	Psychic Energy		



Hiroki Yano

Second Place (Junior Division)

Age: 11

Country: Japan

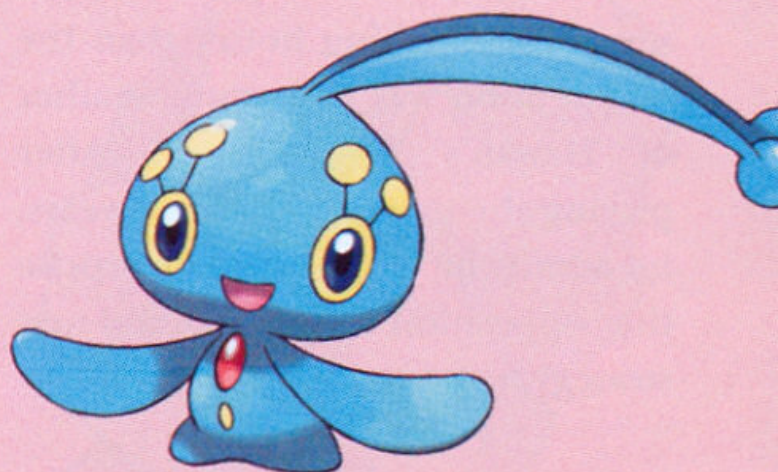
Deck: Hard Metal

Interesting Fact: Favorite Pokémon is Totodile... because it's cute

2006 World Champion Hiroki Yano came away from the competition in Hawaii with an unusual memory: most of the coin-flip results in his games were tails. He notes that there's no need for him to come back next year to defend second place—his intention is to return in 2008 to win fast with a deck that will again give him the title of World Champion. Until then, he will continue to practice, playing an “infinite” number of games to prepare himself for the next battle!

Deck List

4	Scizor ex	UF	108
4	Scyther	UF	46
1	Manaphy	DP	9
1	Holon's Magnetron	DS	22
2	Wally's Training	EM	85
1	Celio's Network	CG	73
1	Professor Elm's		
	Training Method	DF	79
2	Copycat	DF	73
1	Steven's Advice	PK	83
3	Mary's Request	UF	86
3	Castaway	CG	72
2	Strength Charm	DF	81
1	Crystal Shard	CG	76
4	Poke Ball	DP	110
4	PlusPower	DP	109
4	Pokémon Reversal	UF	88
4	Energy Removal 2	PK	74
2	Cursed Stone	LM	72
4	Metal Energy	PK	88
4	Cyclone Energy	PK	90
4	Boost Energy	DF	87
4	Metal Energy		





Andrew Choong

Third Place (Junior Division)

Age: 9

Country: Australia

Deck: Mario

Interesting Fact: Favorite Pokémon character is Flygon

Andrew Choong says he only keeps getting better playing the Pokémon Trading Card Game. With expert advice and support from his older brother, his deck for 2007 sent him rocketing into the Pokémon TCG World Championships Junior Division's coveted top three. He says the only thing hotter than the competition was the sunny weather of Hawaii's "Big Island." After playing the game for just two years, he admits he will be out to surprise the opposition with a brand-new strategy next year.

Deck List

3	Lucario	DP	6
4	Riolu	DP	61
2	Machamp	DP	31
1	Machamp	PK	11
1	Machoke	PK	33
1	Machoke	DP	53
3	Machop	DP	86
4	Holon Transceiver	DS	98
2	Holon Mentor	DF	75
1	Holon Scientist	DS	97
1	Holon Adventurer	HP	85
1	Holon Farmer	DS	91
1	Holon Lass	DS	92
3	Celio's Network	CG	73
4	PlusPower	DP	109
1	Mr. Briney's Compassion	P2	8
1	Energy Root	UF	83
3	Rare Candy	HP	90
2	Cessation Crystal	CG	74
4	Cursed Stone	LM	72
2	Castaway	CG	72
1	Scott	PK	81
2	Double Rainbow Energy	CG	88
12	Fighting Energy		



Paul Atanassov

Fourth Place (Junior Division)

Age: 10

Country: Canada

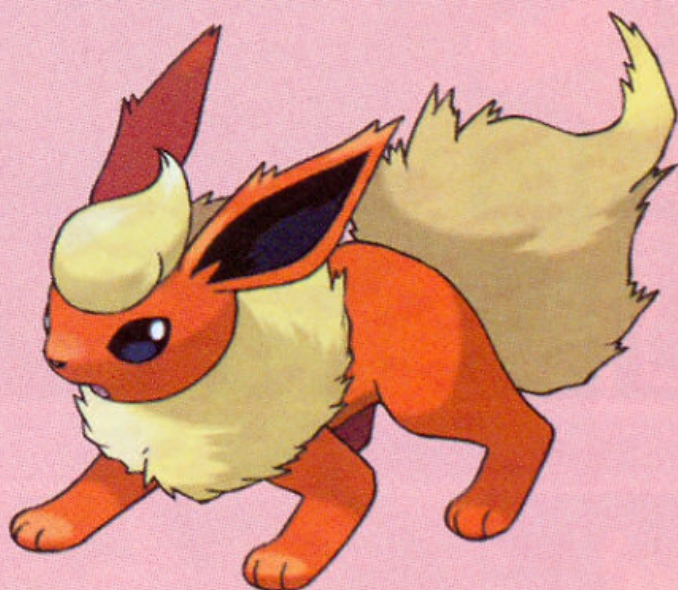
Deck: Flariados

Interesting Fact: Plays with a goal of making no mistakes

Paul Atanassov won his semi-final match in the 2007 Pokémon TCG World Championships on the second turn—that made it his most memorable moment of Worlds. He says he usually practices with his brother, who got him into playing the Pokémon TCG less than a year ago. And though Paul had yet to earn an invite, he was one of the players to try their luck at the Last Chance Qualifier and make it through into the World Championships! But it's not just serious competition for Paul—he says the most important thing is to simply have fun.

Deck List

4	Flareon ex	DS	108
1	Umbreon ex	UF	112
1	Espeon ex	UF	102
4	Eevee	DS	69
4	Ariados	UF	2
4	Spinarak	UF	75
3	Master Ball	PK	78
4	Super Scoop Up	DP	115
2	Pokémon Reversal	UF	88
4	Great Ball	PK	77
4	Professor Elm's		
	Training Method	DF	79
3	Energy Removal 2	PK	74
3	Mary's Request	UF	86
2	Warp Point	DP	116
2	Full Flame	LM	74
1	Copycat	DF	73
1	Windstorm	CG	85
1	Holon Scientist	DS	97
1	Crystal Shard	CG	76
4	Multi Energy	HP	96
7	Grass Energy		





The battles are about to begin



Battling to win requires intense focus!



The PCL judges all say "aloha" to the competitors



Portraits of a game!



The secret to success gets passed on



Choosing a strategy...



Nearing the end of an intense match-up!



Competition in motion!



Translators make it easier



Battle from a different perspective...



Jeremy Scharff-Kim

World Champion (Senior Division)

Age: 13

Country: United States

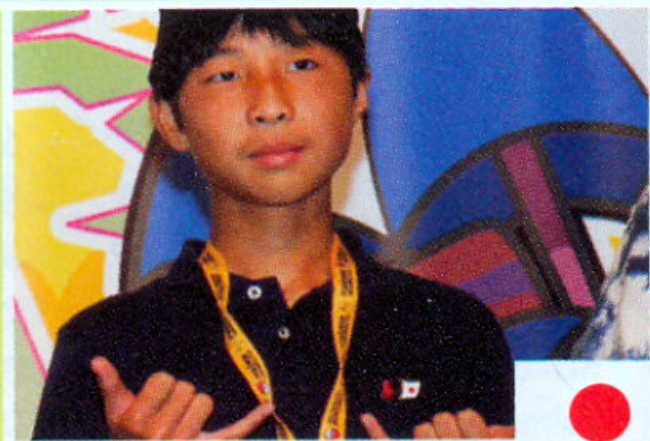
Deck: Rambolt

Interesting Fact: Won using a deck he built the morning of Worlds

Jeremy Scharff-Kim says his typical strategy for winning is to take out his competitors' best cards early in the match. His latest power play is evolving Piplup into Empoleon, which he admits is "...a tank, and hits for a lot." Jeremy began playing the Pokémon TCG about four years ago when his mother gave him some cards, and since then his favorite part of playing has been "meeting all of the cool players I'm friends with now." His most memorable moment from the 2007 World Championships was, without a doubt, "winning the extremely intense finals match."

Deck List

3	Banette ex	LM	85
1	Banette	CG	1
4	Shuppet	CG	40
2	Lunatone	DX	36
2	Solrock	LM	25
1	Solrock	DX	47
1	Holon's Magnetron	DS	22
4	Holon Transceiver	DS	98
2	Holon Mentor	DF	75
1	Holon Scientist	DS	97
2	Holon Adventurer	HP	85
2	Professor Elm's		
	Training Method	DF	79
2	Castaway	CG	72
3	Buffer Piece	DF	72
1	Strength Charm	DF	81
1	Crystal Shard	CG	76
3	Pokémon Reversal	UF	88
2	Scott	PK	81
3	Crystal Beach	CG	75
1	Phoebe's Stadium	PK	79
2	TV Reporter	DF	82
1	Warp Point	DP	116
1	Energy Switch	DP	107
4	Rainbow Energy	LM	81
2	Cyclone Energy	PK	90
8	Psychic Energy		
1	Fighting Energy		



Akira Miyazaki

Second Place (Senior Division)

Age: 12

Country: Japan

Deck: Swift Empoleon

Interesting Fact: Has played the game nearly as long as the TCG has existed!

Akira Miyazaki tends to favor Empoleon... for this Pokémon carried him all the way to second place. "I modified the *Diamond & Pearl* Empoleon deck," he explains, "several times." His strategy consisted of scattering damage counters and relying on Scramble Energy. And with a father and a younger brother who both play, he anticipates having more time to prepare for next year's competition than he did this year. Overall, he feels that Worlds was a fantastic experience for him—"the best event," he describes it.

Deck List

4	Empoleon	DP	4
3	Prinplup	DP	58
4	Piplup	DP	93
2	Corsola	UF	37
1	Holon's Electrode	DS	21
4	Holon Transceiver	DS	98
2	Holon Mentor	DF	75
2	Holon Adventurer	HP	85
2	Holon Scientist	DS	97
1	Holon Farmer	DS	91
4	Celio's Network	CG	73
1	Steven's Advice	PK	83
2	Castaway	CG	72
1	Copycat	DF	73
4	Cursed Stone	LM	72
4	Cessation Crystal	CG	74
3	Rare Candy	HP	90
3	Scramble Energy	DF	89
1	Double Rainbow Energy	CG	88
12	Water Energy		





Wataru Hasegawa

Third Place (Senior Division)

Age: 13

Country: Japan

Deck: Empe-gara gara

Interesting Fact: Is good at math
(and "ONLY math," he says)

Wataru Hasegawa found in Absol ex a powerful ally at the World Championships—after scattering damage counters across a number of his opponent's Pokémon, he used Absol ex's Cursed Eyes Poké-Power to move those damage counters around, Knocking Out Pokémon left and right. Undoubtedly he had plenty of opportunities to check this strategy—literally his entire family plays as well. They play every day, he says—it's a game "everyone can play and enjoy."

Deck List

3	Empoleon	DP	4
4	Prinplup	DP	58
4	Piplup	DP	93
1	Absol ex	PK	92
2	Marowak	DS	10
2	Cubone	DS	60
2	Roselia	LM	42
2	Holon's Electrode	DS	21
1	Warp Point	DP	116
2	Cessation Crystal	CG	74
1	Strength Charm	DF	81
4	Holon Transceiver	DS	98
1	Holon Adventurer	HP	85
2	Holon Mentor	DF	75
1	Holon Scientist	DS	97
1	Steven's Advice	PK	83
1	Scott	PK	81
2	Wally's Training	EM	85
2	Celio's Network	CG	73
2	Copycat	DF	73
2	Castaway	CG	72
4	Cursed Stone	LM	72
3	Scramble Energy	DF	89
11	Water Energy		





Alexander DaCosta

Fourth Place (Senior Division)

Age: 15

Country: Canada

Deck: ex Tra Supply

Interesting Fact: Has played the Pokémon TCG for 7 years

Playtesting his deck three to four times a week online and at League was how Alexander DaCosta got himself ready to compete with the best Pokémon TCG players in the world. And his game plan—simply stay calm and go with his instincts—was a winning strategy that helped him to be victorious against many tough opponents. That included a win over last year's Senior Division Champion, Miska Saari. Alexander says he realizes there will be many new challenges to encounter and overcome when he progresses into the Masters Division next year.

Deck List

2	Flygon ex	DF	92
3	Flygon	HP	7
2	Vibrava	DF	42
4	Trapinch	HP	84
1	Mew ☆	DF	101
1	Mew	P5	3
1	Exeggutor	HP	41
1	Exeggcute	HP	65
1	Sceptile ex	CG	96
1	Treecko	CG	68
1	Rayquaza ex	DF	97
1	Fearow	CG	18
1	Spearow	CG	61
1	Chimecho	HP	37
4	Holon's Castform	HP	44
1	Holon's Voltorb	DS	71
4	Holon Transceiver	DS	98
1	Holon Adventurer	HP	85
3	Holon Mentor	DF	75
1	Holon Scientist	DS	97
2	Holon Researcher	DS	95
2	Castaway	CG	72
2	Strength Charm	DF	81
4	Rare Candy	HP	90
3	Windstorm	CG	85
4	♂ Rainbow Energy	DF	88
4	Grass Energy		
3	Lightning Energy		
1	Metal Energy		



Wishing one another the best of luck



TOM, the tournament software



It takes many talented people to put together the Pokémon TCG World Championships!



Hanging out with Poké-pals!



The softer side of battle



Getting the best cards!



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Players from across the globe converge in Hawaii to compete to be the world's best!



Surfing Pikachu downloads for DS



Collecting the creators' and artists' signatures!



Tom Roos

World Champion (Masters Division)

Age: 18

Country: Finland

Deck: Legendary Ascent

Interesting Fact: Part of the Finnish team that meets up to 7 times a week

Tom Roos says having fewer players at this year's Pokémon TCG World Championships made the competition fierce. He admits being a relative unknown may have helped him make his way to the final match after not completing his deck until the night before competition. His strategy was simple: he loaded up with lots of Pokémon-ex, each strong against the decks he expected to see. And he says he already has plans for next year—he'll prepare his deck early, as his reputation is sure to precede him!

Deck List

2	Rayquaza ex	DF	97
4	Absol ex	PK	92
2	Mew ex	LM	88
3	Jolteon ex	DS	109
1	Espeon ex	UF	102
1	Vaporeon ex	DS	110
4	Eevee	DS	69
1	Jirachi ex	CG	94
1	Jolteon ☆	PK	101
1	Lickitung	DF	19
1	Holon's Castform	HP	44
1	Holon's Voltorb	DS	71
4	Holon Transceiver	DS	98
2	Holon Mentor	DF	75
1	Holon Scientist	DS	97
1	Holon Adventurer	HP	85
3	Professor Elm's Training Method	DF	79
2	Mary's Request	UF	86
1	Scott	PK	81
4	Super Scoop Up	DP	115
3	Windstorm	CG	85
1	Giant Stump	LM	75
3	Darkness Energy	PK	87
2	Multi Energy	HP	96
7	Lightning Energy		
4	Psychic Energy		



Steffen From

Second Place (Masters Division)

Age: 18

Country: Denmark

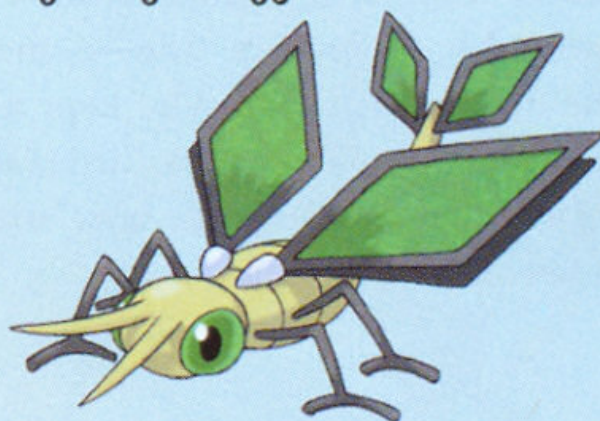
Deck: E-Gon

Interesting Fact: Been to 5 Pokémon TCG World Championships

For Steffen From, playing the Pokémon TCG with his father and friends, including the new friends he meets in competition, is a daily occurrence. He has been playing the game for eight years, but he says next year he plans to push this further and find a way to play even more. He believes play-testing often and being prepared for the most powerful decks is the only way to ensure a victory. And while he really enjoyed playing against the best Pokémon TCG players in the world, it was taking his place on stage that he will remember the most.

Deck List

3	Flygon ex	LM	87
2	Vibrava	HP	54
4	Trapinch	HP	84
2	Magcargo	DX	20
2	Slugma	DX	74
2	Nidoqueen	DF	7
2	Nidoran ♀	DF	56
4	Holon's Castform	HP	44
1	Holon's Magnemite	DS	70
4	Holon Transceiver	DS	98
2	Holon Mentor	DF	75
1	Holon Scientist	DS	97
1	Holon Adventurer	HP	85
1	Holon Farmer	DS	91
1	Holon Researcher	DS	95
4	Rare Candy	HP	90
3	Windstorm	CG	85
3	TV Reporter	DF	82
2	Giant Stump	LM	75
2	Warp Point	DP	116
2	PlusPower	DP	109
1	Switch	DP	119
4	Boost Energy	DF	87
3	React Energy	LM	82
3	Rainbow Energy	LM	81
1	Lightning Energy		





Tsuguyoshi Yamato

Third Place (Masters Division)

Age: 22

Country: Japan

Deck: Yamato Spirit

Interesting Fact: Practiced often against members of his Team Achamo (Torchic) to get ready

2004 World Champion Tsuguyoshi Yamato was beaten by an "Absolution" deck (Absol and Eevee evolutions) in the Semi-Finals, but he still considered it a "most worthy match." He made excellent strategy decisions before battling, including adding the Chimchar evolution chain to his deck. He also has a worthy "winning move" that he intended to do if he won the Champion title—a move he does in Japan—but he kept it in reserve when he came in third place. "I will do it next year," he says, "when I become a Champion again."

Deck List

4	Empoleon	DP	4
3	Prinplup	DP	58
4	Piplup	DP	93
2	Corsola	UF	37
1	Monferno	DP	56
1	Chimchar	DP	76
1	Holon's Electrode	DS	21
4	Holon Transceiver	DS	98
2	Holon Mentor	DF	75
2	Holon Adventurer	HP	85
2	Holon Scientist	DS	97
4	Celio's Network	CG	73
1	Steven's Advice	PK	83
2	Castaway	CG	72
3	Cessation Crystal	CG	74
4	Cursed Stone	LM	72
1	Mr. Briney's Compassion	P2	8
1	Holon Farmer	DS	91
3	Rare Candy	HP	90
3	Scramble Energy	DF	89
1	Double Rainbow Energy	CG	88
11	Water Energy		



Yuki Akimura

Fourth Place (Masters Division)

Age: 17

Country: Japan

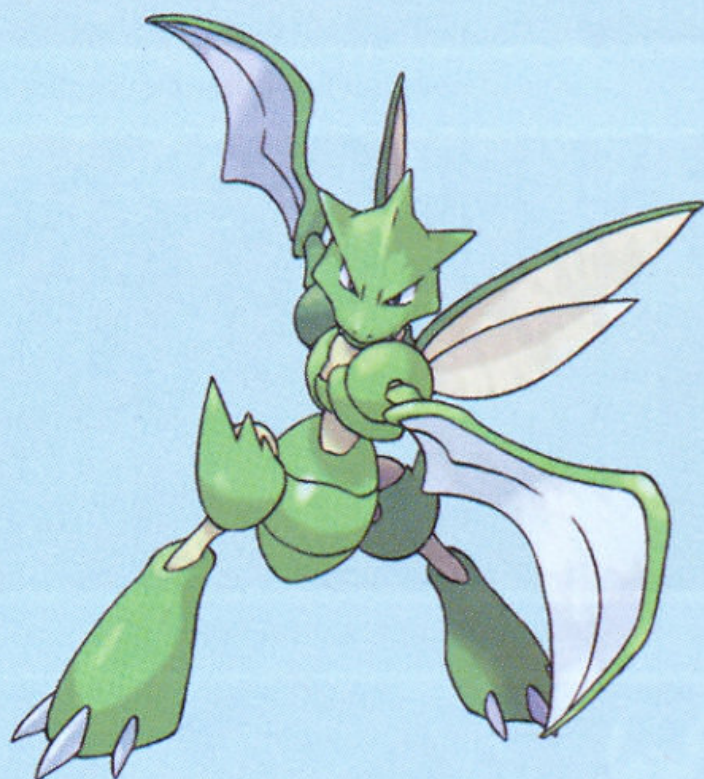
Deck: Scizor Unit

Interesting Fact: Really enjoys opening booster packs!

Carefully predicting the meta-environment carried Yuki Akimura all the way to fourth place at the World Championships. He had come into the tournament eager to find out whether or not he could play in a single-elimination event. Clearly, he could, despite the challenge of playing the game in English, as Yuki did. After 10 years of play and uncertainty about his skills in the Semi-Finals, he now knows he can compete—and win—in any language.

Deck List

4	Scizor ex	UF	108
4	Scyther	UF	46
4	Pokédex HANDY910is	DP	111
4	PlusPower	DP	109
4	Energy Removal 2	PK	74
4	Pokémon Reversal	UF	88
2	Strength Charm	DF	81
1	Crystal Shard	CG	76
4	Copycat	DF	73
2	Professor Oak's Research	DF	80
2	Steven's Advice	PK	83
2	Castaway	CG	72
3	Professor Elm's Training Method	DF	79
4	Cursed Stone	LM	72
4	Metal Energy	PK	88
4	Cyclone Energy	PK	90
4	Boost Energy	DF	87
4	Metal Energy		





Having a ball at Worlds



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Taking in the final battles, play by play



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Worlds in Hawaii: Two thumbs up



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The 2007 World Championships' winners take the stage!



Adding rhythm to the Closing Ceremony



Jun Hasebe bows to Mr. Tsunekaz Ishihara

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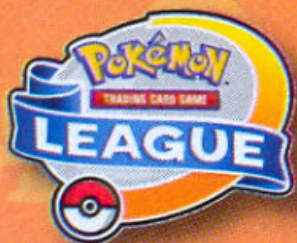
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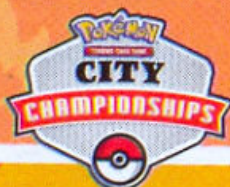
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